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LINCOLN THE PIONEER.

The frontier precipitated and won the Civil War. The commercial draining of the northwest through the Erie Canal and the railroads to the Atlantic seaboard rather than to the Gulf of Mexico decided the election of 1860 and the resulting military struggle.

The conflict for the free land of the frontier made the war inevitable. The undivided west was the common property that laid the foundation of "the union forever, one and inseparable."

It was the democratic, individualistic spirit of the frontier that revolted from human slavery. That spirit saw liberty everywhere; in the forest clad hills, in the rippling reaches of the prairie, and, most of all, in the continuous enfranchising conquest of natural forces.

Lincoln was the incarnation of the frontier. He was the culmination of its spirit of equal the frontier was an idealized competitive system hour day, and a high money wage. Lincoln was the apotheosis of that system, expressing all that was best and free from its most evident defects.

Lincoln directed his hatred against whatever restricted man's freedom to develop or hampered the voice and impulse of the individual in society.

The poverty he knew was an inspiration. the people. It was the time that gave whatever of truth ever did inhere in the belief that every workman was a potential capitalist.

Lincoln saw somewhat beyond this freedom to tight the obstacles of nature. Frequent phrases show he glimpsed the coming of economic forests, swamps and jungles more difficult for the individual to conquer than those of nature.

In winning the Civil War, preserving the union, abolishing chattel slavery and insuring the domination of a society built upon individual initiative Lincoln and his generation started this nation upon its marvelous conquest of the continent | right lines. and its almost limitless accumulation of wealth.

Today the development born of Lincoln's generation, and largely of Lincoln's impulse has reached a new set of barriers. It is control of his job, not his person, that confines the worker to- gree, a drain rather than tonic to the national be stationed at the Pensacola Naval day. The frontier is now blocked by social not natural obstacles. Individual iniative is choked and swamps. A government of the people, by willing worker a chance to make good. the people and for the people threatens to perish from off the earth because international conflicts, not sectional divisions.

Lincoln would have as little patience with one who today applied only his methods and fought only the obstacles of the 60's as a frontiersman would have with a person who feared to break with an old society when progress called him on to a new one.

The poverty of the open prairie, deep woods and reluctant rugged nature required one solu- no longer the governors of mankind. The fortion. The poverty of slums and exploitation re- tunes of mankind are now in the hands of the quires another.

In abolishing slavery, freeing industry, developing a nation, Lincoln handed on another set of martial "associates," the kings of England, Italy, problems for us to solve, just as each generation Belgium, Serbia and so forth, but the real quesmust forever do. The only treason to our gener- tion is as to whether the plain people, having the ation is to refuse to learn the lesson of the need power, will use it, and how. In Mr. Wilson own of pioneers for each new problem.

those whose pay envelopes came from Wilhelm- However, we partake of our president's evident

physically, are one part original cause and nine will do quite a little mowing and raking of "the parts mental storm.

Let us do all which may achieve and cherish a. The fact that prices are declining rapidly just and lasting peace among ourselves and with seems to be known to everybody except the corall nations.

PUTTING "SOMETHING OVER."

There was once a farmer who tried every known kind of scarecrow to keep the crows out of his corn field, to no avail.

Then he went to a wax figure maker and had to speak.

The farmer took it home in great glee, thinking he had at last outwitted the birds. He put the wax figure in the middle of the corn field next morning and awaited results.

The birds came as usual, and eyed the new- Washington. comer with suspicion. Then a convention was called wherein the birds discussed who and what their new friend might be.

After due deliberation an dobservation, they decided the wax figure only another of the farmer's fool ideas and helped themselves to the corn. Some of the more daring ones even sat on the head and shoulders of the Life-like scarcrow.

If it is impossible to fool innocent birds by appearances, how can sensible human beings expect to "put something over" on their fellow-

It can't be done for any great length of time. coln pictures and relics and contains Very soon the person you think you are fooling no furniture. The flooring, even the 'gets wise" and then the "jig is up."

WHERE THEY WANT TO GO.

"Wanted, a married man for a farm. To suit- his life work for half a century the able person will give rent of house, free wood, garden, pasture for cow and \$50 a month."

This small ad appeared recently in a city paper. Within twenty-four hours it had stirred up seventy people, seventy families indeed, to reply.

We think that is the best answer to the charge that some are making: "The town worker doesn't want to go to the country. The returning soldier doesn't want to live in the wilds."

In these days of apparently high wages-only apparently high, please note-to immediately find seventy city workers who welcome a \$50 a month job in the country should cause thought.

We surmise that the truth is that the thought of the nation is more countryward than ever before; that the old deep longing for a bit of soil is coming to the top; that workers to become an indifferent tradesman, or superfluous shop fore- articles valued for their conection due to the war, which completely up man, and are becoming broad enough to realize struggle for individual development. Because that they can't have rural freedom and an eight

> Nobody should be forced into the country who pletion and dedication of the magnifi- coln's second inaugural address, and will be ready to doesn't want to go there. Farmers on protest are not wanted, there is too little good land avail-

But this big undeveloped nation should be able to provide every family that eagerly desires to enter the producing class a fair chance to do so.

Just as many a good farmer has been driven to Wealth was attainable to a large percentage of the city to become an indifferent tradesman or a superfluous shop keeper, so, many an expert craftsman has been allowed to go on a farm where he had no chance to make good.

The nation in its eighteen months of war Reus street. Captain Nicholson arlearned to employ trained soldiers according to their preferences, abilities, training in civil life.

If Uncle Sam in the peaceful years helps his sons and daughters to find their work, to realize their ideal, to become expert, we will in time have a nation of 125,000,000 real producers, living in comfort, doing a good work; every one of them to the child in the home, being trained along the

As it has been we have had perhaps 10,000,000 skilled workers fitted to their jobs and doing what they desired to do.

The rest have been accidentals and, to a de-

This nation has land enough, and . money at the navy yard. by monopoly, not by forests, deserts, mountains enough, and opportuity enough to give every

> And right now we have most of the machinery required to handle the needs of the people if we have the vision to use it.

THEY CAN, IF THEY WILL.

In his speech opening the debate upon the proposition for a League of Nations, which proposition carried unanimously at the great peace conference, President Wilson used these words:

"Gentlemen, the select classes of mankind are plain people of the whole world."

It's a somewhat fierce notification to our late democracy, the plain people have always had the power and have permitted themselves to be Now let us add to the army of unemployed everlastingly plucked by "the select classes." hope that, the war having taught the plain people what they really amount to and what they Epidemics of distress, whether financial or can do by standing together for a purpose, they select classes" in behalf of mankind.

ner grocer.

Which Is True Lincoln Memorial In The Living Hearts of American People Marble Palace or Lowly Brick House?

a figure of a man made. It was life-like enough Nation Spends \$3,000,000 to Honor Abe Lincoln But House Where He Died Is Left Prey to Time and FIre

By A. E. GELDHOF.

Washington, Feb. 11.-The United States government has paid nearly \$3,000,000 for a magnificent marble memorial to Abraham Lincoln in

For one-tenth of that sum it can perpetuate for the coming generations a memorial which in sentimental value will in the future be worth far more to the American people than the beautiful memorial building in Potomac

Down on Ttenth street, in the heart f Washington, across the street from Ford's theater, where Lincoln was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth, stands the house in tyred president died.

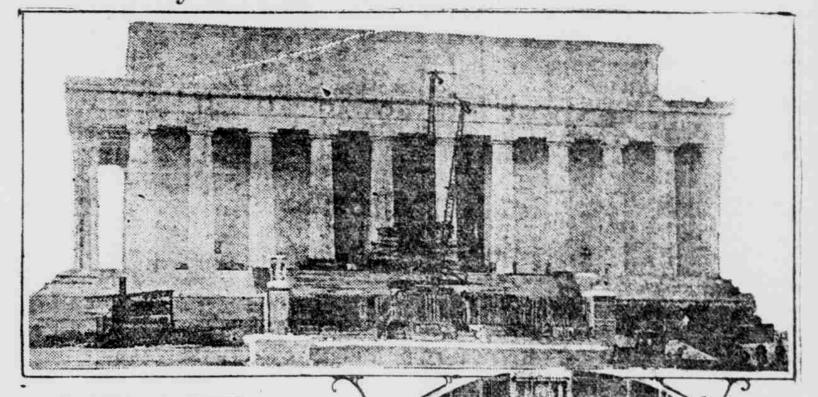
In in is the largest single collection of Lincoln relics in the country. The room in which Honest Abs breathed his last on April 15, 1865, is the same wall-paper, are the same

The house is owned by the govern-Osborn H. Oldrovd a modest unasspired by a devont worship for the character and personality of Lincoln. he has amassed a colelction which is

Oldroyd wants the government to

should pass this appropriation, I would

cent Lincoln Memorial in Potomac on the south wall the Gettysburg ad- building then it is completed. Park, on the banks of the Potomac



street. Washington, in which Abraham Lincoln breathed his last, and in which is stored Lancoln relies which

ouse when Lincoln died and other construction has taken five years is

This year-the one hundred and dent William H. Taft.

commission, headed by former Presi- lossal marble statue of Lincoln which dress. Over each of these will be an will be the only objects inside the oil painting 12 feet high and 72 feet

West DeSoto street, are the proud

Nicholson will regret to learn that he rived home about ten days ago from een ill but had sufficiently recovered

he arrival in New York of Captain Goelz. Harold S. Wright, of the U. S. Marine

Lieutenant William Masek, U. S. N. who will learn with much pleasure Air Station as aide on the staff of



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